

**DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL
JANUARY 17, 2023**

Present:

Senior Minister, Rev. Lisa Bowersock	Building & Grounds, Bob Redfield
Moderator, Jean Philemond	Personnel, Candy Kennedy
Vice Moderator, Robin Campbell	Growth & Rolls, Ross Walker
Treasurer, Jim Ramey	Stewardship, Randy Luikart
Finance, Brian Redenshek	Mission, Denise Burgers
Fellowship, Sri Kar	Pastoral Care, Andrea Niewiesk
Music, Jennifer Sells	
Special Guest: Gary Morin, President Dublin Community Church Foundation	

Jean Philemond, Moderator, called the meeting to order in the Kennedy Room at 6:59 pm. Rev. Lisa Bowersock offered an opening prayer.

Senior Minister Report – Rev. Lisa Bowersock

Report was submitted in writing. Rev. Bowersock reiterated that the plan to vote for the Annual Meeting is only for those present; streaming guests cannot vote. A reminder that 50 members must be present for the Annual Meeting to establish a quorum.

Association Minister Report – Rev. Becky Sunday

Report was submitted in writing. Rev. Sunday is on vacation this week, absent from this Council meeting.

Minutes – Jean Philemond for Karen Royce

Ms. Royce was absent from the meeting, but minutes from December 20 were provided prior to the gathering for Church Council members to review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jean Philemond and seconded by Randy Luikart. The motion was affirmed

Moderator – Jean Philemond

Present but no report submitted.

Vice Moderator – Robin Campbell

Present but no report submitted. Robin asked all Council members to pick two Sundays on the Fellowship calendar before leaving the meeting.

Treasurer Report – Jim Ramey

Report was submitted in writing. Jim talked through the highlights on his report. Additional comments included:

- Status on the locking of the church doors during Sunday worship. A potential new member/family was unable to get into service after 10:10 am because the church was locked. Note: These precautions were put into place in 2018 during the national active

shooter issues. Discussion ensued and the following will take place before a decision is made to leave the church open or continue lockdown.

- Robin Campbell will reach out to 2 local churches to understand their current policy. Robin will share those results with Council.
- Whatever decision is made will be shared with the congregation for transparency.

Candy Kennedy moved to approve the Treasurer Report; Ross Walker seconded. The motion was affirmed.

Dublin Community Church Foundation – Gary Morin, President

President Gary Morin distributed the new trifold brochure and reminded Church Council that according to the Articles of Incorporation, Council members are also members of the Foundation. Mr. Morin introduced the slate of Trustees and Moderator Jean Philemond moved to approve the slate; Robin Campbell seconded the motion. Each individual Trustee was presented as follows:

Gary Morin	President
Betsy Smith	Vice President
Andy Jakes	Treasurer
Stephanie Mizer	Secretary
Nancy Chapman	Corresponding Secretary
Dr. Tom Anderson	Trustee
Henry Montgomery	Trustee

The motion was affirmed.

Mr. Morin will attend the March 2023 Church Council meeting and provide an overview of the DCCF mission, vision, and philanthropic work to the new members of Council.

Committee Reports:

Finance (Brian Redenshek, Chair)

The report was submitted in writing. A motion was made to approve the budget prior to the Annual Meeting on January 29. Jean Philemond made the motion; Bob Redfield seconded. The motion was affirmed.

Christian Education (Mandy Ebersole, Chair)

The report was submitted in writing but not in time to be included in the Council packet. CE continues to struggle with staffing Sunday School especially with Jill cutting back her hours. Lisa Neidhardt will assist as much as possible. A request for volunteers will be made by clergy, with the goal of always having 2 teachers.

Stewardship (Randy Luikart, Chair)

The report was submitted in writing. The committee welcomes Sue Connor. Pledging units to date are trending down with fewer people pledging but pledging units have increased approximately ~1%.

Building & Grounds (Bob Redfield, Co-Chair)

The report was submitted in writing. Bob gratefully reported a quiet month. An update on the “Reimagine” project will be provided next month once Lincoln Construction and Dave Kerr have a chance to meet.

Growth & Rolls (Ross Walker, Chair)

A report and attachment were submitted in writing. Ross reiterated the need to continue to understand digital ministry and its impact on the future of the church. Several suggestions were made to bring more people to the church through special events (i.e., Concert for Ukraine). Ross and the committee have email addresses for those worshippers who are joining livestream and will reach out to them individually.

Fellowship (Sri Kar, Chair)

No report submitted. In addition to the many activities the Fellowship committee handles, filling the Fellowship calendar for post worship is important. The committee is reorganizing and looking for volunteers to help.

Mission (Denise Burgers, Chair)

The report was submitted in writing. Denise thanked Randy Luikart for the Time & Talent survey as she was able to glean a new committee member from the data. She also asked that everyone mark their calendar for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 12.

Music (Jennifer Sells, Chair)

No report submitted. January is a quiet month after all the Advent musical activities which went extremely well.

Pastoral Care (Andrea Niewiesk, Chair)

The report was submitted in writing. Andrea announced that Rev. Marshall Cook will be joining the committee.

Worship (Joanna Bryant, Chair)

The report was submitted in writing. Joanna thanked Council for their patience as she continues to learn the roles and responsibilities of the Worship committee which encompasses everything from Hanging of the Greens to the Production subcommittee (sound system) in the sanctuary.

Closing comments:

- Committee vacancies will be posted on the DCC Facebook page, the Messenger, and worship bulletin. Rev. Lisa felt the committees were in fairly good shape.

A motion to close the meeting was made at 8:33 by Jean Philemond; seconded by Robin Campbell. Rev. Lisa Bowersock led the group in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer to conclude the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Campbell
(pinch hitting for Karen Royce)